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BEAR FACTS



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First day frustrations at Boone

Office staff deals with enrollment increase

By Ana Ybarra-Rojas
Bear Facts Staff

First day frustrations are emotions we can all relate to, students and faculty alike. No one was spared on Monday January 12, 1998, when the lobby was overflowing with students and the office staff was trying to hold it all together.

Projected enrollment for this semester is at 1025 students, according to Kriss Philips, Executive Dean of the Boone Campus. Credit hours have not yet been determined.

In order to set the records straight, the qualifications for canceling classes are the

same on all DMACC campuses; any class with less than 12 students will be canceled. If there is some justification such as "the first time the class is offered, it is the only section of that class or students need it for graduation," according to Philips, the section may remain open.

Dean Philips puts off canceling classes until the last possible moment in the hopes that last minute enrollment will fill classes. "As soon as we know a class is canceled, we try to call and let people

know, but in all honesty this last term we got so busy, at the end that a lot of calls weren't made."

If the cancellations were made earlier, more classes would be canceled, making it unfair to those who registered late. On the other hand, this confront the staff with an almost impossible task of letting people know via telephone. Dean Philips said, "It (people not being informed about cancellations) happens every semester."

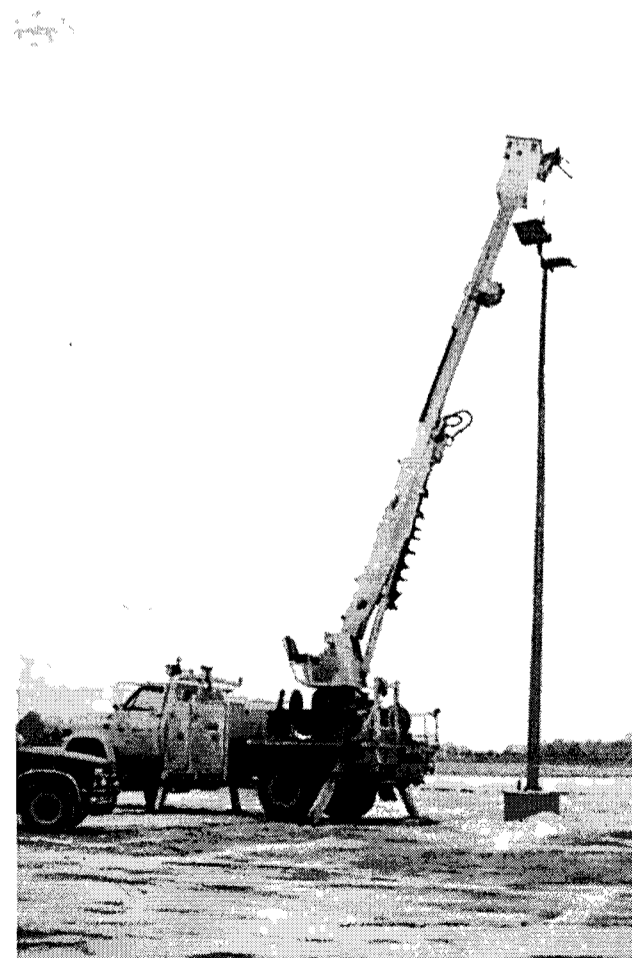
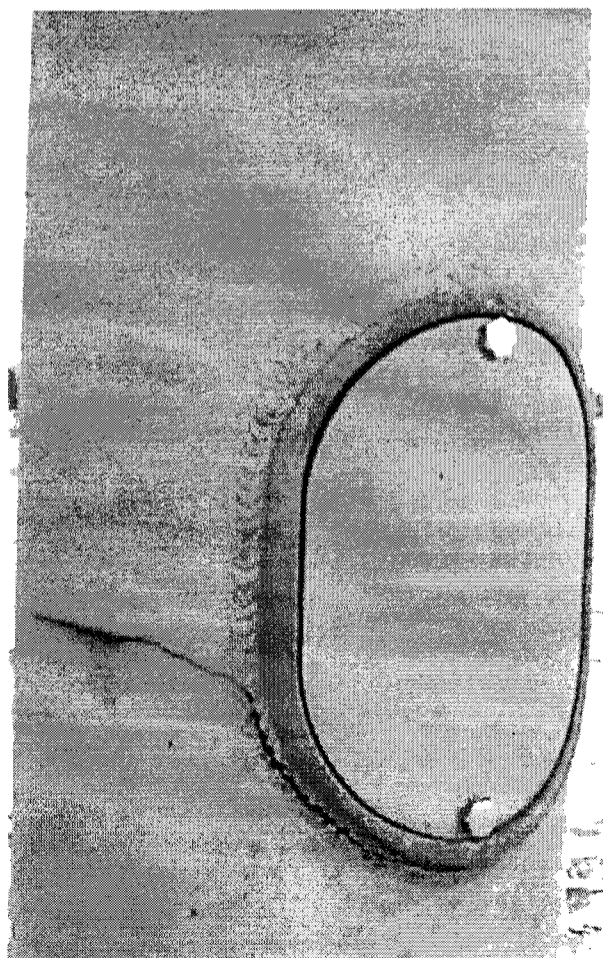
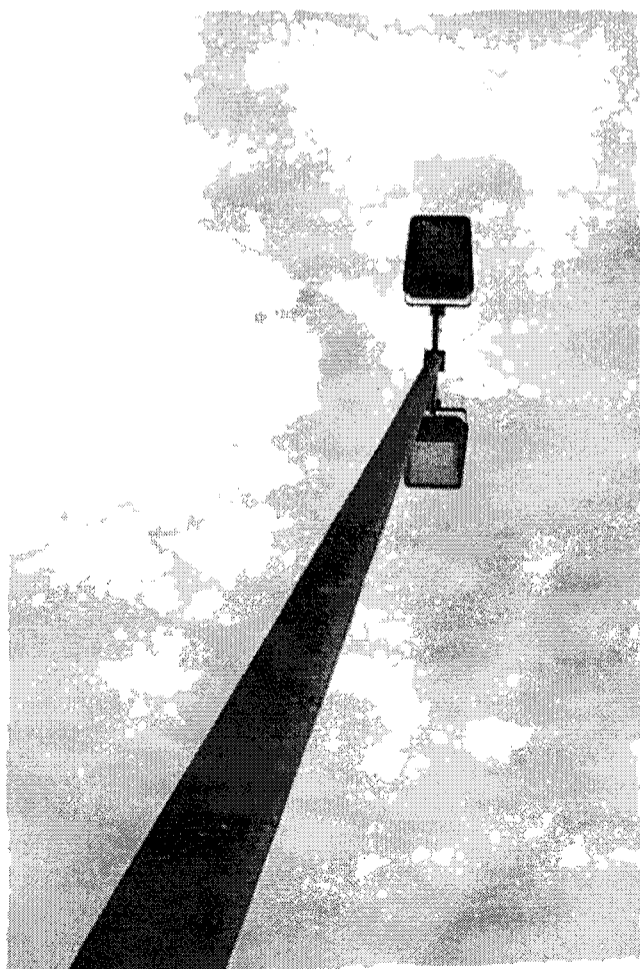
As a student what resources do you have when your class gets canceled and

other compatible classes are full? Dean Philips suggests, "Counselors can help get you into a class."

What should be learned from first day frustrations as students? Students should keep track of their enrollment and not depend on staff to inform all of the student body of class cancellations.

If students have any suggestions on how cancellation notification should be

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Photos by Patrice Harson

If you put a light pole in the air and expose it to Iowa weather, then the base may crack and you, too, might find it necessary to call Nikkel & Associates.

Illegal parking can get expensive

By Lorraine Powell
Bear Facts Staff

"Parking in the wrong lot can get very expensive, especially if it is done more than one time," said Gary Johnson, head DMACC custodian. Johnson wants all students to be knowledgeable of the fact that there is no student parking in the staff-visitor parking lot in the front of the school. Any student parking in this lot will be issued a \$5 ticket. After receiving three tickets for parking illegally, a student's car can be towed away.

Johnson stressed the importance of procuring a DMACC student parking permit to be displayed in the front or back window of the vehicle. This permit is free and allows the school to notify a student of any potential harm to his or her car.

The value of the student parking sticker identification was apparant on January 20 when about twenty cars needed to be moved due to fractures in two light poles in the parking lots. (Age and stress had caused the fractures. The immediate danger from the situation was corrected and new light poles have been ordered.)

Johnson believes that it would make everything a lot easier if students would just follow the parking rules and regulations. Copies of these rules are available at the front desk. Johnson says there is plenty of available parking in the back of the building, and, when the situation requires it, more parking can be made available.

Johnson added that there is to be no parking in the fire lanes within the yellow lines. There is to be no illegal parking in the handicapped spaces. It is an automatic \$100 fine for any car illegally parked in the handicapped space.

Lastly, Johnson wants to advise students that there is no overnight parking allowed on campus. If a student experiences mechanical problems, everything possible should be done to remove the vehicle before 10:30 P.M.

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REZOOMERS to meet twice in February

By Maggie Stone
REZOOMERS Adviser

If you've been out of school for a few years and have just started back, you may want to check out the REZOOMERS Club.

The club is a good way to get to know others, share information, and get better acquainted with the college system.

Meetings are held twice monthly, gen-

erally the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Courter Student Center.

Students are encouraged to eat lunch and to come and go as their class schedule permits. Periodic activities and speakers are scheduled.

February REZOOMERS Club meetings will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 and Tuesday, Feb 17 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. in the Courter Student Center.

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Student Action Board members meeting for the first time this semester are from the left Emily Schutt, Spike Craven, Kara Kennedy and Jaclyn Kelley.

Photo by Moses Lueth

Student Action Board plans for semester

By Erin Kiley & Moses Lueth
Bear Facts Staff

Four members of the Student Action Board met on January 26 for the first meeting of the semester.

The Board agreed to give \$500 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). SAB also considered hiring a comedian to entertain at DMACC and organize a discount day at the Seven Oaks Ski Resort in Boone for DMACC students.

Upcoming SAB events include a MegaMall trip around March 1 and a Chicago overnight trip around March 7. The MegaMall trip would cost about \$10. Also being considered is a Kansas City pro-soccer trip on March 16. The Kansas City trip would cost \$25. Two cookouts with intramural activities on March 30 and April 20 were also suggested.

The board's president, Kara (Jensen) Kennedy said, "We would like to provide more events for students and the community." She welcomes suggestions.

Day care and transportation funds available

Single parents or displaced homemakers (separated, divorced, widowed or if spouse is disabled), contact Maggie Stone, Coordinator of Displaced Homemakers Center, Room 124, to determine if you are eligible for financial assistance towards your child care and/or transportation costs while attending classes on the Boone Campus.

Transportation assistance is also available for eligible single pregnant women whose income is limited and who commute from out of town to the Boone Campus.

The displaced Homemakers Center, now called Iowa New Choices, was begun on the Boone Campus in 1987 with the goal of assisting single parents and displaced homemakers in their transition from home to the work world and thus self-sufficiency. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

REZOOMERS plan "Family Night at the Ballgame"

By Maggie Stone
REZOOMERS Adviser

The REZOOMERS Club is sponsoring a "Family Day at the Ballgame" on Saturday, January 31. The men's and women's teams play North Iowa beginning at 2 p.m. in the Boone Campus Gym.

Members will each receive a letter, which will admit them and their family members to the ball games.

In addition, free pizza will be served to the members and their guests during intermission between the games. Adult students new this semester should contact Maggie Stone in Room 124 to obtain a pass to the game and to make reservations for pizza.

Enrollment

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dealt with in the future, leave your comments in the manila envelop labeled "First day frustrations" on the Bear Facts door, Room 210. Suggestions will be collected after two weeks and delivered to Dean Philips, who will consider them for next semester.

Students to meet with legislators, education leaders in Des Moines

Boone Campus --Six DMACC Boone Campus students and an adviser will travel to Des Moines this morning, January 28 for the 10th Annual Student Legislative Seminar, sponsored by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

Students attending the two-day seminar held at the state capitol and Savery Hotel include representatives of the press and student government: Kara Kennedy, SAB president; Patrice Harson, editor of *Bear Facts* student newspaper; Jaclyn Kelley, SAB representative; Charles Whiteing, social sciences major; Ana Ybarra-Rojas, *Bear Facts* staff writer; and Moses Lueth, *Bear Facts* staff writer and columnist.

Start with tour of capitol

Part of the group will leave today to tour the capitol, followed by afternoon meetings at the Savery Hotel. Dr. Gene Gardner, Executive Director of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees will welcome the students in the afternoon.

Also meeting with the students will be Steve Ovel, State Relations, Kirkwood Community College; Dave Palmer, State Relations, DMACC; Tim Wynes, State Relations, Indian Hills Community College, and Lowell Junkins, lobbyist for Junkins & Associates.

Dr. Stilwill to speak to students

Later in the afternoon students will meet with Ted Stilwill, Director of the State Department of Education. Dinner that evening will be served in the Grand Ballroom followed by a legislative orientation for the students.

Students to meet with leaders

Evening presenters will include Senator Mike Gronstal (D), Minority Leader of the Senate; Senator Stewart Iverson (R), Majority Leader of the Senate; Senator John Kibbie (D); Representative Dave Shrader (D), Minority Leader of the House; and Representative Brent Siegrist (R), Majority Leader of the House.

On Thursday, students will have breakfast at the State Capitol and spend the morning making legislative contacts.

Jan LaVille, *Bear Facts* advisor, will accompany the students both days. George Silberhorn, Boone Campus counselor and Kriss Philips, executive dean of the Boone Campus will attend part of the sessions. Terry Jamieson, SAB adviser, Silberhorn and LaVille helped organize the event for the Boone Campus students.

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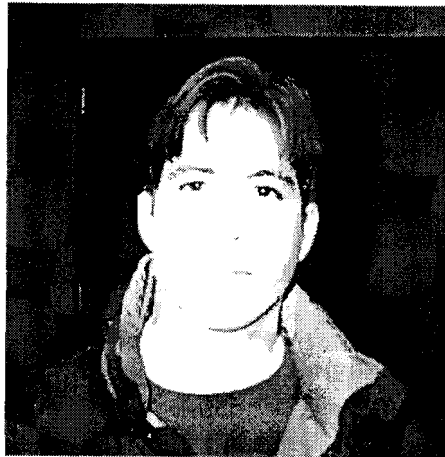
Reporting & photos
by Moses Lueth

On the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, what do you think about Iowa's abortion law?



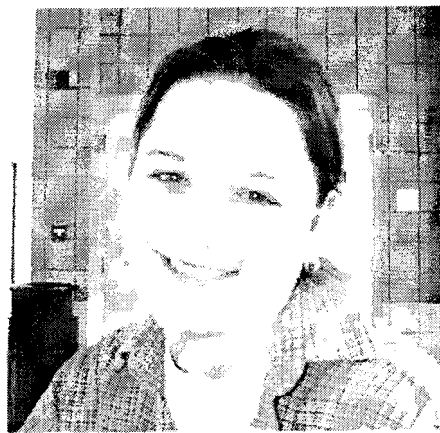
Marnie Anderson

"I am very much against abortion. None of us would be here if all our mothers had gotten abortions. 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.' Life doesn't start at birth; it starts at conception."



Jim Conn, Ames

"I think a woman should have as much freedom to choose as she wants. Men and women make the laws, but mostly men, and I think they need to consider women more when making laws."



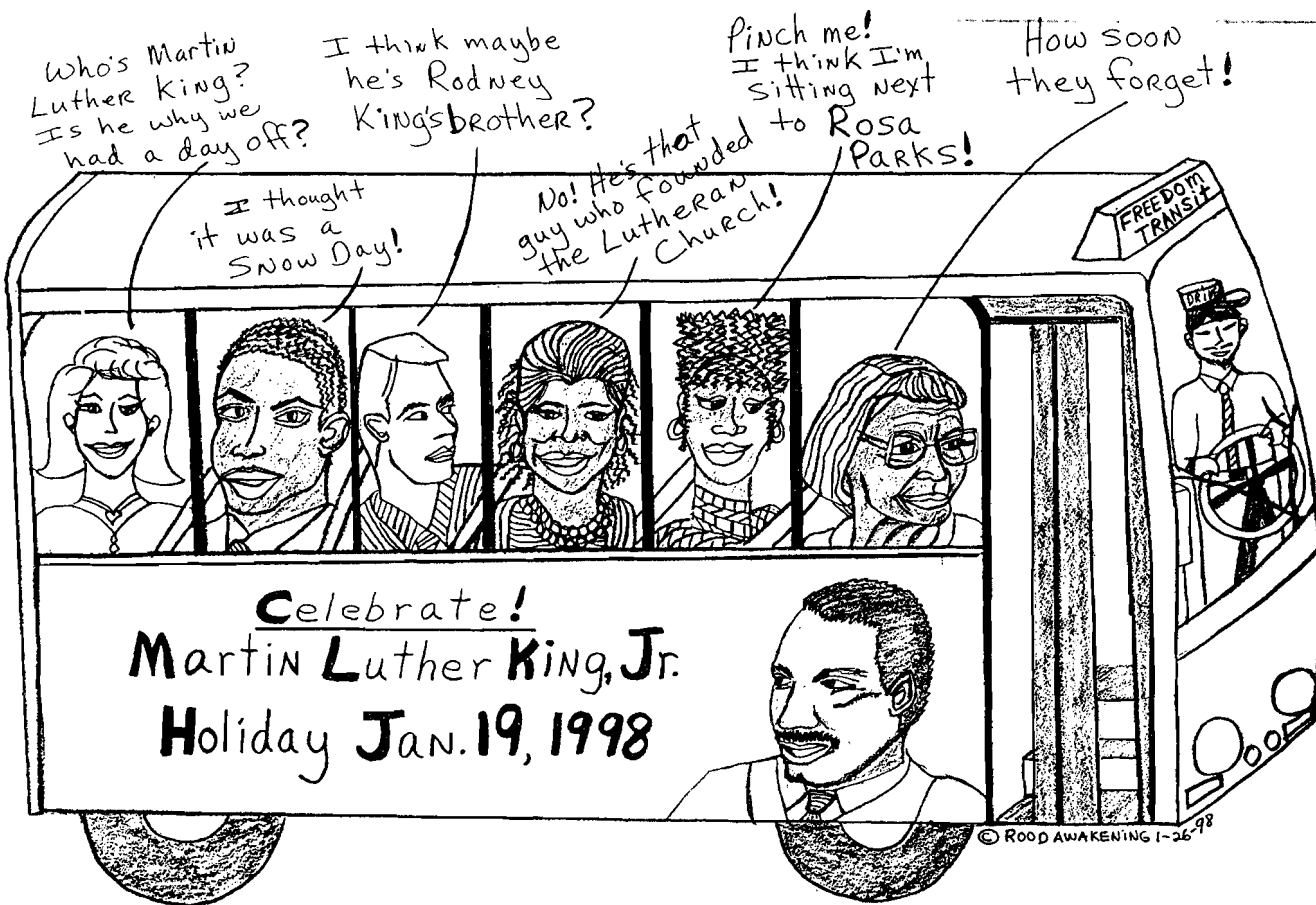
Emily Johnson, Ames

"I think it's fine because if you're under 18, you should have to let someone know what you are doing. It's a big decision. If you're that young, you may need help dealing with it."



Roy Holmes, Boone

"I think the current law is just. I figure if someone feels they need an abortion, they are going to get one. If I were a girl, and I got pregnant, I would not have an abortion. I would make amends and go on with the pregnancy."



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Meet the press

Just as mother nature delivers a constant change in scenery to the Iowa landscape, so does a change of semesters deliver a host of fresh faces to the DMACC Boone Campus.

A diverse group of ten DMACC students hope to inform and entertain students, faculty and staff during the Spring Semester as they don the label of "voice of the Boone Campus."

This ambitious group of student writers, along with their adviser, Jan LaVille, encourages Boone community members and DMACCians everywhere to contact the *Bear Facts* at 515-433-5092 regarding any information they believe would benefit the Boone Campus. Those interested can also contact Jan LaVille (jrlaville@dmacc.cc.ia.us) at 515-433-5091 or any of the following *Bear Facts* staff members:

Editor **Patrice Harson**, originally from Everly, Iowa, is working on her associate of arts degree with hopes of transferring to Iowa State University's journalism program. Serving as columnist, reporter, photographer and advertising salesperson over the past four semesters, Harson is beginning her second year on the *Bear Facts* staff. "Becoming a writer is a dream I've held since high school," said Harson, "and I am extremely grateful that our state has a community college system that allows dreams to become reality." Contact Harson with news concerning DMACC Administration, Drama, Arts, Music, Intramural activities and Leisure Studies. (pmh2101@dmacc.cc.ia.us)



After three semesters as columnist and reporter for the *Bear Facts*, **Moses Lueth** said, "The process of producing a newspaper...from interviewing to writing and making revisions, is fun and exciting." Lueth, from Awil, Sudan, joined the staff "because of the opportunity to work with others who are also under pressure." Carpentry, limo and bus driving, photography and girls encompass Lueth's major interests of study. Lueth hopes to transfer either to the University of Iowa or the University of California at Santa Barbara. Contact Lueth with news concerning the Humanities, Communications and the DMACC Media Center. (ml12102@dmacc.cc.ia.us)



Ana Ybarra-Rojas came to America from Managua, Nicaragua, at the age of five. A 1994 high school graduate of Cochabamba, Bolivia, Ybarra-Rojas is now starting her second year on the DMACC Boone Campus and her first semester with the *Bear Facts*. After taking a photography class from DMACC instructor Bob Person, Ybarra-Rojas discovered a talent that is leading her toward a career in photojournalism. With Iowa State University as her next academic stop, Ybarra-Rojas says, "Journalism is a great opportunity to work with others who have similar interests." Contact Ybarra-Rojas with news concerning Nursing, Science and the Academic Achievement Center. (afy2101@dmacc.cc.ia.us)



Other than brief stays in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Frankfurt, Germany, while serving for the United States National Guard, **Cory Williams** has lived in Boone for most of his life. Williams is in his second year at the DMACC Boone Campus studying English and history. A love for writing brought Williams to the *Bear Facts* staff where he enjoys publication production as a student activity and is not earning college credits for publication production.



Columnist and reporter **Lorraine Powell** is originally from Brooklyn, New York, and now resides in nearby Nevada. She is a part-time student on DMACC's Boone Campus in her 6th semester with a major interest in journalism and current social issues. Powell said, "I enjoy being able to share my concerns with others. My biggest concern now is the preservation of the family." Powell is currently writing for the *Bear Facts* as a student activity and is not earning college credits for publication production.



Reporter **Erin Kiley**, from Woodward, Iowa, is in her senior year at Woodward-Granger High School; however, she has attended classes on DMACC's Boone Campus since age sixteen. Currently, Kiley is enrolled in two courses on campus, psychology and publication production. Kiley plans to transfer to a four-year university next fall with a major in journalism. Kiley said, "As well as helping me gain valuable experience, I hope that serving on the *Bear Facts* staff will assist me in deciding if I am suited for the journalism field." ejk2101@dmacc.cc.ia.us

Andrea Fester, Grand Junction, Iowa, brings almost ten years experience from the printing industry and a diploma in graphic arts from Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City, to the *Bear Facts* staff. She will graduate from DMACC this spring with an associate of arts degree and may transfer to Iowa State University next fall to major in either art education or computer animation. Fester said she joined the *Bear Facts* staff to "expand my horizons and broaden my skills in the printing industry." Contact Fester with news concerning Office Technology, Accounting and Math/Computer Science. (alf2101@dmacc.cc.ia.us)



In addition to a newspaper route and raising three children, columnist and reporter **Melinda Gorman** has attended classes on DMACC's Boone Campus full-time since the fall of 1995. However, graduation is close at hand for Gorman as she will enrobe in cap and gown this spring and graduate with an associate of arts degree. Gorman then plans to transfer to Iowa State University next fall and major in journalism. Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and now residing in Boone, Gorman understands the value of a sense of humor. Gorman said, "I really enjoy the camaraderie of layout night. It gets tense, but most of us can laugh at ourselves." Gorman is currently writing for the *Bear Facts* as a student activity and is not receiving college credits for publication production.



Cartoonist **Sharon Rood-Hughes**, originally from Grants Pass, Oregon and now residing in Story City, Iowa, is in her third year at the DMACC Boone Campus as a part-time student. Rood-Hughes is studying Office Technology with hopes of getting a job in that field. Rood-Hughes is currently writing for the *Bear Facts* as a student activity and is not receiving college credits for publication production.



Joe Siple heard from adviser Jan LaVille that the *Bear Facts* staff was in search of a sports writer and decided to help take the load off his fellow students and "have fun with the sports aspect of journalism at the same time." Siple, originally from Rochester, Minn., and presently a Boone resident, will graduate from DMACC's Boone Campus this spring with an associate of arts degree. Then it's on to Iowa State University where he will play baseball and major in broadcasting or journalism. Contact Siple with news concerning sports at jrs2102@dmacc.cc.ia.us.



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“Y?” or The Search for “X”

By Mary Catlett
Contributing Writer

Now that I have returned to college, I am reminded just how important it is to maintain the continual search for “X.” Over and over (x-nauseum) I am told to “solve for X,” to “find X,” and to “justify, explain and show my work” in determining “X.” Most annoyingly, they sometimes want me to find “Y,” too! The search is a never-ending one, although I feel right at home searching for “Y” since that’s my biggest question. “Y?”

“Y” indeed, since I am not much of a math whiz. Although “whiz” is a good description of just what sound you would hear if you took my head and listened in my ear like a conch shell (*Is that the ocean? No, it's her math whiz*). And sometimes I do eat the cheese of the same name. Plus, it’s also a pretty good description of what I’d rather be taking than a math class. My own personal “X” needs are simple yet diverse. Whenever I think of “X” my first image is that of the owl from Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood. “Meow, meow, solve for ‘X’ meow.” Or how it marks the spot. Or sometimes that “Files” show on Fox.

Indeed if “X” is truly lost, then I respect its right to stay that way. Who am I to rouse its spiky little head from some parallel or, worse yet, some y-coordinate and perhaps intersecting universe? Yes, perhaps “X” is not lost at all, but rather:

1. “X” wishes to travel incognito,
2. “X” is hiding out or just plain traveling with a merry band of olde pig Latin speakers feeling very, very useful,
3. “X” may not truly be lost--maybe it’s just trying to find itself,
4. “X” has escaped back into time disguised as a roman numeral,
5. Or, perhaps, all those “missing” Xs have been hi-jacked into slave labor as markings on extra-extra-large clothing tags produced by Kathie Lee. I know that’s where I keep mine!

Yep, if “X” is really missing, I would never know it myself anyway since I run my life on one Golden Rule: avoid social math at all costs. And I was doing quite well, thank you very much, until I got this wacky notion to resume my college career. But what is social math, you may well ask? Social math is the living embodiment of all that is evil in the world and which relates to numbers. Social math is the choice an adult makes between getting out her pencil at a group dinner and doing a lil’ division to determine who owes what, versus the peace of mind that comes with simply handing over your checkbook, valuables and cash with a blank expression which clearly states, “I know my limitations and I embrace them. Math is not my bag and so I don’t do it socially or on any other occasion. Here is all that I own - feel free to strip search me for more. Now, do not question me...just please rob me blind.”

Personally, I have nothing but respect for teachers who try to instill in us a love for this particularly prime{set}of concepts, but quite frankly I have to wonder--just how serious are they about finding “X?” Frankly, I don’t recall seeing even one milk carton, let alone one episode of *America’s Most Wanted* or *Oprah* with, “Have you seen this symbol?”

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(Photo by Moses Lueth)

Boone Campus -- The International Students Club hosted a “Welcome to Boone Campus” reception for new and returning international students, faculty and staff on January 14. Those attending the reception included, left to right, Youngky Hermanto, Johny Tannur, Blana Gibli, Rachel Morten, Jeanne Roth (club adviser), Daniel Florenzano, Malon Wahmon, Hoan Trinh, and Yuko Brown. The International Lunch Bunch meets every Friday for lunch in the Courter Student Center from 12:15 to 1 p.m. They welcome all students, faculty and staff. Meetings give international students a chance to practice their English and native speakers a chance to meet and learn about people from other cultures.

Boone fun on a \$5 budget

By Melinda Gorman
Bear Facts Staff

Bored? Nothing to do? Here are a few suggestion to fill some of that spare time--all under five dollars.

- **Free stuff**
Sledding or ice skating at McHose Park
- **More free stuff--Open Gym**
DMACC, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Boone High School, Saturday and Sunday afternoon
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Beginning second semester

Bears look for more wins

By Joe Siple
Bear Facts Staff

Men lose leading scorer, rebounder

Coach Terry Jamieson's first full year as DMACC head coach has been one of learning and adjusting. Jamieson was forced to remove the state's leading scorer and the state's leading rebounder from his squad earlier in the season. Although he is admittedly short on talent, Jamieson says, "We are left with good people who work hard and do the best they can. We are trying to shrug off a bad reputation with those good people."

Chad Behn has been carrying the point guard responsibilities, and Jamieson says he may be asking too much of him.

Hopes for a good recruiting class make the prospects for the future look better

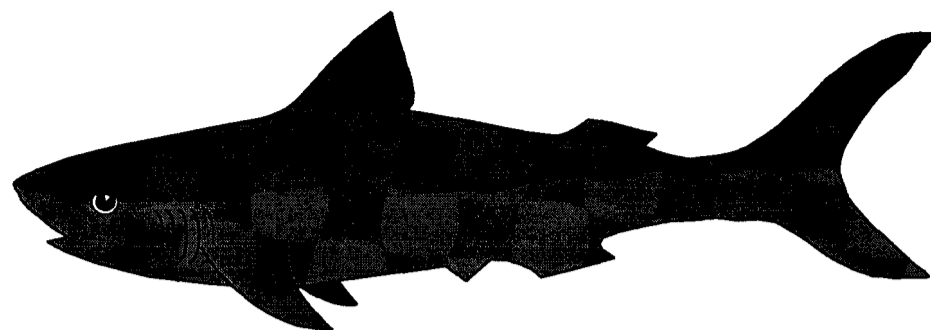
than the current 2-16 record. Success may also follow a slight decline in what is now a tough schedule. The Bears have faced ten nationally ranked teams this season.

Women's young team shows potential for improvement

The DMACC women's basketball team has experienced peaks and valleys throughout the season. Despite the valley of a single win record, the women show the look of a young team with great potential for improvement.

With the majority of the players being freshmen, including newly acquired 6'2 Amber Walker, the Bears are hopeful that the season will end with an up swing.

Both DMACC basketball teams will be on the road tonight with the next home game scheduled for January 31.

**Perfect day for ice fishing**

By Cory Williams
Bear Facts Staff

After an enormous winter storm, with freezing rain mixed with snow, some people feel down in the dumps. They can't go anywhere because they're stuck in their driveways or their vehicles won't start. Yea, that would tick me off too! There is a solution to all this, stay inside. Unless you're an outdoorsman who doesn't care how cold it is because you're going ice fishing with your buds who have four-wheeled vehicles and have never got stuck in anything.

I'm an outdoorsman, and when the winter sets in, I'm ready for the snow and ice. Especially the ice because ice covers the lakes, rivers and ponds. That's a perfect setting for ice fishing.

Before you rush off to go ice fishing, there are a few things you need to look at.

- Do you have your fishing license for the '98 season?
- Second, is your equipment up to date?

The first piece of equipment you need is an ice auger to drill the hole through the ice. Second is the ice spoon to scoop the excessive ice out of the water. Third is a Hummingbird depth and fish finder. It's a good brand name depth finder. Fourth is the ice pole with a four pound test line for the big ones. Fifth are the lures, jigs, bobbers, fishing pole holder and the meal worms. Seventh, is a heater to keep you from freezing for a long period of time, and last but not least

is a snowmobile with a sled to carry all the equipment.

The best places in the Mid-West region to go ice fishing are Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. These three states have a better percentage of fish because they have so many lakes, and it's colder up there. But if you don't want to travel that far, you can always try Dickinson, IA (Okaboji) where the water is crystal clear. Okaboji has plenty of fish in it's lake, for example, Northern Pike, Muskee, Perch, and Large Mouth Bass.

Other spots in Central Iowa include Big Creek, south of Madrid, Saylorville Lake, which is in Polk county, and Little Wall Lake. A couple others that I forgot to mention is the Boone Pond out in the McHose Park and Kruse's pond, located north of Ogden. Just make sure you have his permission.

Ice fishing can be as frustrating and nerve wracking fishing in the summer, but you have to relax and breathe the fresh cold air coming from the North wind.

Don't drink alcohol when you're ice fishing. Always drink plenty of fluids, like water, All Sport or other sport drinks, or hot chocolate to keep your body from dehydration.

Be careful not to walk on black ice, which means very thin ice that is capable of cracking or breaking up. You might fall in and come back up as an ice cube.

Just kidding, be aware of your surroundings and where your friends are. I hope you try ice fishing sometime; you'll have fun.

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Point/Counterpoint

Will Clinton be held personally or presidentially accountable?

By Erin Kiley
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In the minds of Americans today, the words 'president' and 'scandal' seem to be going hand-in-hand. The alleged behavior of President Clinton has even been labeled by some as a crisis. The most important question might not be 'did he do it?' or 'did he lie?' The real question may be, 'does it matter?'

Every generation has its share of political scandal, and if it was found to be true that Clinton was unfaithful to his wife, he would not be the first adulterous president. Among the cheaters was President John F. Kennedy, who is also among the presidents most beloved by the American public.

Some say that the President must lead by example and that each lie and misdeed set a bad example for us all, but we must consider the job. It is a job that lasts twenty-four hours a day for four years. The President is responsible for taking care of the largest superpower in the world, the United States. It pays less than being a CEO of most major companies, and there are no breaks. He must live beneath a microscope.

If someone has proven to us, the citizens of the nation, that he can competently handle such a difficult job (as Clinton apparently did, in light of his reelection) then maybe we must consider his private and public lives separately.

Bill Clinton may have made some major personal mistakes, but *President Clinton* seems to be doing fine. If he begins to take risks with the fate of our nation, then we can talk about impeachment. Until that time comes, let's not take political action for his erroneous personal actions.

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And to the various teachers who have dedicated their lives to the study of a mouse in the house that I'm told may eat the ice cream (or however you spell it) I marvel at how simple they make it sound. For as hard and as complicated as math and its incestuous cousin science is, these teachers certainly make it sound simple. After all, they tell us, if you "find X" you will solve *the* problem. I do find that a little hard to believe, but gamely I persist, being only slightly forgiving of the fact that another request is just around the corner. "Just one more time," I am told, "please find X again." So I can't help but think, "Now wait a minute, didn't I just solve THE problem? Doesn't THE indicate there is only one? I guess not, as with most problems....."

Perhaps, that is the ugly secret behind the search for "X." I do indeed respect those teachers who do search, but I just have to question just how hard they are looking. I mean aren't they always looking? And as long as it stays lost, doesn't that mean job security for the teachers? I hope I am wrong. Oh, why can't the educated folks just be more responsible and hold onto to "X" once they've found it!

And really, how lost could it be? Why don't mathematicians and scientists just ask themselves the obvious question, "Where was I when I last had it?"

Of course, I'll tell you where they were. They were probably in math class.

Now THAT's a vicious circle. But don't even get me started on geometry!

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With the whole nation and also the world waiting for the fate of the President to be decided, this scandal, which has not been determined as fact, has already marred the name of the President.

Some people say that whether or not he acted inappropriately with Monica Lewinsky is not a factor because the dealings do not directly affect how he presides over the nation. An example I have heard is what about playboy Kennedy? He was considered one of the best Presidents the nation had, yet he was allegedly involved with many a mistress, such as Marilyn Monroe. What it comes down to is a moral argument.

As the Commander in Chief, Bill Clinton is role model to the nation. He is the guy who pushes the red button; he is also the moral barometer other nations' leaders follow. He took an oath, and with that oath came the burden of tremendous scrutiny for every little action.

Whether or not this alleged affair occurred is a matter for time and court proceedings, but the fact that there have been not one, not two, but three allegations of sexual misconduct with Jennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, and now Monica Lewinsky is reason for worry.

Some might say that his private life doesn't matter, but it does because if the allegations are true, then we know the President as a liar, and if he has lied, then all trust is gone. The United States is democracy, for the people, by the people. And if the people are unhappy about the inability or questionable moral behavior, then they have the power to change that.

Because of the prestige of President, the citizens hold him in high regard, and he must act *accordingly*.



By Moses Lueth



Melinda's Musings

By Melinda Gorman
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My son said to me one day, "I'm dumb." And like the typical mom I reacted with "Where did you get that idea? You're not dumb. What makes you think that?" On further questioning, he told me that he thought he was dumb because he didn't know things. I told him, "It takes a pretty smart person to realize that they don't know things. Now you can look for answers and learn things you didn't know before."

Eight-year-olds aren't the only ones who suffer these kinds of feelings. Recently a fellow student expressed the same kind of worries. "I just don't get it. This is the one subject I thought I knew something about, and I discover I don't know anything." What my classmate doesn't know is that many of us don't get it. We're just guessing, muddling through the best we know how. The seasoned student knows that if we stick it out and keep wading through, we'll have learned a monumental amount of knowledge by the end of the semester.

I have a lot of respect for people who, like my son and my classmate, can say "I just don't get it" and I'd like to say: Sink your teeth in, lock your jaw, and give it time to come together for you. Chances are there other classmates who don't get it either, they're just afraid to admit it.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Is Creation All Good?

By Lorraine Powell
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One of the big news stories recently is the cloning of three calves. Before that it was two sheep. Cloning is just one of the controversial issues involved in the modern technology of genetic engineering. It will no doubt present future dilemmas which we will all be forced to face at some time.

In our material world, one of the natural laws that operates is "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." Cloning sheep and calves, and, perhaps, human beings someday, sounds great. The recent articles make it sound like there can be no mistakes made. Evidently there can be no human fallibility and no possibility that taking over the job of creation will not bring about bad as well as good.

In the Bible it says: "God created good and God created evil." Are we to assume that men can do a better job than God and create only good?

Because genetic engineering is so new, I'm sure it will take some time for the "rest of the story" to present itself. But no doubt it will. Let's hope that men are willing to take the responsibility for the bad as well as the good when all the consequences of creation are known.

